

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

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## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

(1814)

### Fire Insurance

The Legislature of Connecticut, at their last session, desirous of affording its citizens the means of security against loss by fire, incorporated the New Haven Fire Insurance Company, with a capital of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and the liberty of increasing it to half a million of dollars.

The Capital Stock has been paid and secured agreeable to the Act of Incorporation; and the company are now ready to receive proposals, and to commence the business of insurance.

The amount of capital is sufficient to inspire general confidence in the ability of the company to pay all losses which they may sustain; and the business will be conducted by the directors with liberality and fairness.

The practice of insuring against loss by fire is becoming more general; and the necessity for a company for this purpose has been long experienced; particularly for the counties on the seaboard and the western parts of the state.

The citizens of the state are now invited to insure their dwellings and to avail themselves of that security against calamity by fire which the legislature intended to furnish. The terms of insurance will be seen in the printed proposals.

Applications for insurance will be made to the Secretary of the Company who will receive and answer all letters on the subject. By order of the President and Directors.

John H. Lynde, Secy. New Haven

## FIFTY YEARS AGO.

### Schoolhouse Sold

The schoolhouse property on State street has been sold by private sale to Messrs. Morrison & Hurd, who intend fitting up two stores below, and occupying the upper stories as a harness and saddle manufactory. Price \$10,000.

J. W. Beach who has followed the auction business for some 12 years and who had the misfortune to break his ankle about the 1st of January has so far recovered from his accident as to be about on his feet. It will be seen per advertisement that he makes his first sale since the misfortune at Washington hall, tomorrow afternoon and evening where he will offer a collection of chronos and engravings.

### Illuminations

The illuminations at the Atlantic house last night were under the su-

## HAND CUT OFF IN BUZZ SAW, FARMER DISPLAYS COURAGE

His right hand severed at the wrist with the exception of a small portion of flesh, Thomas Depree, 49 years, of Long Hill, was driven in an automobile past St. Vincent's hospital yesterday morning, by his employer, Irving Walker, and taken to the emergency hospital.

Dr. J. F. Canavan was forced to return to St. Vincent's with the injured man in the emergency ambulance. Depree works about the farm owned by Walker, who has a big cider mill on the premises. This morning Depree was operating a buzz saw in the yard when his hand slipped and the saw cut clean through the bone. The member was amputated at St. Vincent's hospital.

Depree displayed remarkable courage. He never even moaned on the ride from Long Hill to the city. Walker saved the injured man from bleeding to death by making a tourniquet.

### TO AID RECRUITING

The Howland Dry Goods Co., the D. G. Dorsen Co., the D. M. Reed Co. and J. S. Wooster & Co., have been requested by the Navy Publicity bureau to assist the recruiting branch by window displays all next week. The navy is making an effort to fill about 21,000 vacancies and will carry on a campaign for recruits throughout the country next week.

### COOK ESTATE \$2,552

Inventory of the estate of Elizabeth Cook, filed in the probate court shows two savings banks deposits aggregating \$2,552. W. J. Moran and Daniel Sheehan were appraisers. The estate of William C. Bryant consists of a bank deposit of \$101.

General Pershing announced that orders will be issued directing National Guard troops called out in the southern department to proceed to state mobilization camps immediately.



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## WORKINGMENS UNION

The Workingmens Union will hold a meeting at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at the house of M. Gihuly, Esq., on Chapel street.

### Open Stock

Taylor & Joyce have opened a splendid stock of dry goods, adapted to the spring trade, and in the friendly neighborhood of the public to give them a call and take a look at the new styles.

### Fatal Accident

Michael McMahon, aged nearly sixteen, on returning from work yesterday evening, jumped into a cart, in removing some shovels he lost his balance, fell out and broke his neck. It is supposed, for a slight bruise on his face was all the marks he bore.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO.

### Patents

The following patents were granted among others to New England states inventors this week: A. L. Adams, Bridgeport, bicycle; W. Grunow, Jr., trolley wheel frame for trolley; T. H. MacDonald, Bridgeport, graphophone; J. W. Roxburgh, Bridgeport, reversible handle-bar for bicycles; A. Steward, Bridgeport, feeding mechanism for quilting machines.

### The Late R. B. Lacey

With sadness in their hearts many friends of the deceased, who in life had been one of our most respected and public spirited citizens, gathered at the home of the late Rowland Bradley Lacey this afternoon to do honor to the man they loved. Hundreds had called between the hours of 11 and 1 to gaze on the face of one whom all had been proud to call a friend. The honorary bearers were Frank J. Naramore, Major William B. Hines, Zalmon Goodsell, William G. Lineburgh, Horace A. Hatch, Courtland Kelsey, William J. Rockwell, Major L. N. Middlebrook.

### Shelton Railway Hearing.

The continuation of the hearing of the Shelton Street Railway company for the construction of its line from its southern terminus in Shelton to Stratford was heard today before Judge George Stoddard. Judge Stoddard asked that its application be dismissed. Allen W. Paige testified that the capital stock was \$25,000 and that much had been paid in. The total stock was \$75,000. The company had expended \$45,000 in all in construction.

## Chamber of Commerce Committee to Boom Production on Farms

The following are the members of the committee appointed by President E. P. Jones, of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce to plan and execute the movement for co-operation between the various towns and cities of the state, and the State Agricultural College, to increase the food production of the state of Connecticut this year by developing home and school gardens, Boys' and Girls' Poultry and Canning clubs:

G. M. Landers, chairman, New Britain; H. J. Baker, Storrs; H. R. Branche, Norwich; W. I. Bullard, Danielson; G. E. Crawford, Bridgeport; C. P. Davis, Middletown; J. P. Elton, Waterbury; C. A. Hemenway, Hartford; C. E. House, South Manchester; W. H. Lee, New Haven; A. T. Miner, New London; R. W. Perkins, Norwich; W. A. Schenck, Meriden; Robert Scovill, Lakeville; C. I. Stoddard, Woodbridge.

The work of the committee will also include co-operating with the farmers to assist them in raising larger crops this year.

The following is a resolution passed by the directors of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce at their meeting last week and presented to Gov. Holcomb:

Whereas, All activities connected with the preparation for war are not of a specifically military nature, and Be It Resolved, That we, the directors of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce in meeting assembled herewith approve the enrollment of an industrial army to be composed of men essential to the production necessary to war and the division of all other men of military age into classes to be called for field service according to availability as to age and situation, and as to dependents;

## GERMAN CITIZENS MAY TAKE PAPERS

The war will not affect citizens of Germany or any other enemy country who wish to take out citizenship papers in this country, according to a notice received by Naturalization Clerk M. J. Flanagan. Within the last few days Clerk Flanagan's office has been crowded with applicants for papers and a large number have been Germans. Notice has been given that subjects of Russia, who have hitherto renounced allegiance to Nicholas II will in the future be asked to renounce "the present government of Russia."

## FAVORABLE REPORT ON COMPENSATION ACT AMENDMENTS

(Special to The Farmer) Hartford, April 4.—The committee of judiciary sent to the Senate yesterday a favorable blanket report covering a number of amendments to the Workmen's compensation act. The period of waiting is changed from 10 to 7 days; the maximum compensation increased from \$10 to \$14; commissioners are allowed discretionary powers in making awards for injuries from occupational diseases. The expense allowance of commissioners is increased from \$3,000 to \$4,500.

## STRICKEN IN THE STREET

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## Barnum & Bailey Circus Attracts Crowds to Garden

The Barnum & Bailey circus which opened at Madison Square Garden Thursday afternoon, March 29 is filling the big auditorium twice daily. Only the name Barnum & Bailey grows old, for the purveyors of circus amusement of "the Greatest Show on Earth" have spared no expense to make this season's show exceed the most sanguine expectation. Numerous new features have been secured at enormous expense and the expenditure has brought many big novelties.

The spectacular pageant "Addin and His Wonderful Lamp" has 1400 persons taking part besides 780 horses and camels and was pronounced by press and public a gloriously iridescent eye feast.

Three herds of elephants open the circus tournament and display an entirely new repertoire of sagacious demonstrations, calculated to suit the most jaded taste.

A novel feature of this year is Prince Marvel, the gymnastic chimpanzee who executes a complete horizontal bar act and does all the difficult feats accomplished by his human rivals; Solomon, in a novel performance, whose skillful antics will make you wonder "is he man or monkey?" another feature are the stars of the Imperial Chinese circus, who whirl, spin and slide from dizzy heights while hanging by their hair; the Five Hanafords, an entirely new idea in equestrianism; Signor Bagonghi, Italy's comic equestrian; Miss Bird Millman, "A Fairy on a Cokewheel"; Miss Ruth Budd, marvelous little lady gymnast; Pallenberg's Wonder Bears; Miss Letzel, a dainty bit of femininity who accomplishes seemingly impossible muscular feats; a variety of clever comedy entertainers including the Four Comrades, the Randos, the Hart Brothers, H. Rittley and Mertens and Arena; The Act Beautiful, introducing wonderful statue horses in scenes from master sculptors; Mile. Nadje, the perfect woman; the Siegrist-Silbon Troupe in dangerous displays of acrobatics; Mme. Bradna in a delightful display of color and charm in which thoroughbred horses and a score of dogs assist; Lady Alice and her pets and many other novel features. Human freaks are exhibited this season in vast exposition.

## Music and Decorations Distinctive Features At Elks' Charity Ball

Two distinctive features of the Elks' annual charity ball, to be held Easter Monday evening, April 9, at the Casino, will be the music and decorations. The music committee has arranged for exceptional concert and dance programs that will be given by Murray's orchestra, augmented for the occasion.

The decorations will be novel. Myriads of colored electric lights, with festoons of Elks' colors, will be used in the decorative scheme. The decorators will start work Friday and their efforts will transform the big auditorium into a most beautiful sight.

The general committee will hold an important meeting at the Elks' home tomorrow evening, when final details of the ball program will be completed. It is desired that every committee member be present.

According to the present outlook the attendance at the ball this year will surpass that of previous years, and will include a great number from neighboring cities.

### WOULD BUILD SHIPS

Halifax, N. S., April 4.—The appointment of a non-partisan commission to investigate opportunities for steel ship building in Nova Scotia is provided for in a bill which has been introduced in the legislature. Premier Murray, in moving a second reading of the bill, said it was "high time that the Canadian people should see to it that on the Atlantic seaboard we should have two or three ship yards capable of constructing steel ships."

### ASSAULTED GIRL, JAILED

Alleged to have been guilty of an attempted assault against Mildred Sarass, six years, daughter of his land lady, Mrs. Antoinette Sarass, of 244 Oak street, Antonion Roman, was sent to jail for three months and fined \$1 and court costs by Judge Frank Wilder yesterday morning in the city court.

## WEDDING BELLS WILL SOON BE RINGING

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## TAFT PRAISES WAR MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT

New Haven, April 4.—Former President William H. Taft in a statement commenting on the message of President Wilson said:

"The president's message is an admirable setting forth of the causes that must lead the United States into a declaration of war. It is a great historical state paper. Its restrained and moderate phrases give it wonderful strength. It covers the entire field upon which we are now entering. Its approval of universal compulsory service and of a close practical alliance with England, France and Russia in overcoming Prussian militarism shows the president's determination that the country when in war shall wage it effectively. The Entente allies are now fighting our battles as well as the battles of world progress, and we should be recreant to every principle of honor and decency if we do not subscribe to the president's policy in a firm union in this war with France, Russia, Italy and their allies. The emphasis which he lays upon the fall of absolutism in Russia and the hoped for destruction of the military dynasty in Prussia and Germany and the distinction between the German people and the house of Hohenzollern and Junkerdom awakens deep sympathetic response in the heart of every loyal American grounded in the principles of liberty and the rule of the people."

## Heavy Fine and Jail Sentence For Man Who Had Deadly Weapon

Charged with carrying concealed weapons Tony Monganillo, of 46 Hallett street, was fined \$50 and given a 10 days suspended jail sentence in the city court yesterday morning.

## SOLDIERS EAT "BEEF BRAUN"

London, April 4.—A new army ration to replace the familiar "hully beef" has been issued to a large section of the home armies in Great Britain. It is known officially as "beef brawn" and resembles in appearance the familiar pressed beef. A sausage ration has proved a great success in another section of the home armies, and arrangements are being made to increase its use, while further large issues of Canadian ann fish and large issues of Canadian fish and home-grown rabbits have been ordered, replacing imported cold-storage beef.

### MRS. CRANE RESIGNS

Hartford, April 4.—The resignation of Mrs. Susan J. Crane of Hartford, supervisor of the Newington home of the Connecticut Children's Aid society, has been accepted by the board of directors of the society. Mrs. Crane had desired to retire some time ago, but at the request of the board had continued her connection with the home. She has been supervisor of the home since 1902. She was one of the founders of the society in 1892. She is a member of the board of directors and will continue in that position.

The National Tube Co., at Pittsburgh, increased its price on all pipe \$10 a ton.

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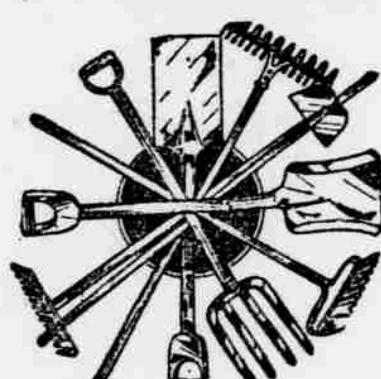
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P. S.—Spring time is paint time. Despite an advance, now effective of 25 cents a gallon in the cost of standard paints, we will continue to sell at the old prices this week.

## AMERICAN HARDWARE STORES

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### WOULD CONSERVE FOOD

Hartford, April 4.—A special committee of the Connecticut chamber of commerce met here yesterday to take up again the matter of conserving the food supply of the state and of developing food resources. It is expected to advocate development of city gardens, and the setting of stable prices for food such as potatoes and farm products so that farmers will feel warranted in raising them.

### CRAWFORD ON FOOD BOARD

Hartford, April 4.—George E. Crawford laundryman of Bridgeport, sat yesterday with the committee which has been formed to safeguard the foodstuffs of the state. The committee proposes to recommend intensive farming in cities and the cultivation of back yard and vacant lot gardens.

### AGREE ON DAMAGES

Adjustment of the case of Ray vs. the Berkshire Ice & Coal Co. was made in the compensation court yesterday when mutual agreement as to employment and injury to the petitioner was reached. Payment was made to the City of Bridgeport for keep of Ray at the Hillside home and allowance for injury suitable to both parties.

Sixty-two students of Northeast High school left Philadelphia on a hike to New York.

### FUNERAL DESIGNS AND BOUQUETS

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ADVERTISE IN THE FARMER